REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-8 and 38 were pending of which Claims 1, 4, 6 and 38 were rejected and Claims 2, 3, 5 and 8 were objected to. Claims 2, 3, 5, 7 and 8 have been amended and Claims 1, 4, 6 and 38 have been cancelled.

The Examiner objected to Claims 2, 3, 5 and 8 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 2, 3, 5 and 8 have been so amended. Thus, the scope of Claims 2, 3, 5 and 8 has not been narrowed. No new matter has been added in the claims.

Specification

The specification has been amended to correct clerical and other obvious errors. No new matter has been added.

Claim 7

The Office Action did not deal with Claim 7, which recited "The device of Claim 1 comprising a vertical JFET with ohmic bottom and top electrodes." Claim 7 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of Claim 1. Applicant can find no reference to a JFET or junction field-effect transistor in either Kocon et al. or Lanois. Accordingly, Claim 7 is believed to be allowable.

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For the above reasons, Applicants respectfully request allowance of Claims 2, 3, 5, 7 and 8. Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this response, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (408) 982-8201.

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